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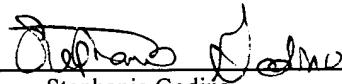
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 on page 1 as shown.

Intra-articular tissues, such as the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), do not heal after rupture. In addition, the meniscus and the articular cartilage in human joints also often fail to heal after an injury. Tissues found outside of joints heal by forming a fibrin clot, which connects the ruptured tissue ends and is subsequently remodeled to form scar, which heals the tissue. Inside a synovial joint, a fibrin clot either fails to form or is quickly lysed after injury to the knee,